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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:	)	
	:	Examiner: Yixing Qin
KAORI OKI ET AL.	)	
	:	Art Unit: 2625
Application No.: 10/626,647	)	
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For: INFORMATION PROCESSING	)	
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

A Request for Continued Examination (RCE) has been filed herewith. Prior to continued examination on the merits, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner amend the above-identified application as follows:

- amendments to the claims are presented in the listing starting on page 2; and
- remarks are presented starting on page 9.